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To Whom It May Concern:

Local Access Media is an important part of the community life of my town (Billerica MA).

We have a very active station with volunteers ranging in age from young students (middle age) thru seniors and everything in between.

We have a variety of programming – including Billerica Teen Idol which has been a huge community smash, to talk programs, to coverage of our local Homecoming weekend, to coverage of our yearlong 350<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, to reviews of good books and reference websites by our local library. And the list goes on.....(sports, church services.....)

You would never see this type of programming on mainstream television.

For simply the cost of membership there is a world of opportunity open to anyone in the community with an idea, with some training on equipment (which is available for use by any member of the access corporation), and with the support of others (camera people etc0 to go out and give people a perspective of the local community, and even the state and others around us. It is the one truly free speech arena really still open to us

Please leave the current cable franchising process alone. The local communities know their own needs. They are truly the only ones who can and should negotiate what is best for them.

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